

SEPTEMBER
2019

The Westminster WINDOW

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Sunday Worship 10 AM & Second Sunday Jazz Vespers 4 PM

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 1

Season of Peace Begins

Jeremiah 2:4-13
Psalm 81:1, 10-16
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14

SEPTEMBER 8

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 18:1-11
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
Philemon 1-21
Luke 14:25-33

SEPTEMBER 15

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
Psalm 14
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10

SEPTEMBER 22

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 8:18 - 9:1
Psalm 79:1-9
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Luke 16:1-13

SEPTEMBER 29

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15
Luke 16:19-31
Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16
1 Timothy 6:6-19

Second Sunday Jazz Vespers
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Jazz
Vespers

Beginning September 8



LOOK WHO'S HAVING A BIRTHDAY

Marilyn Luman



The [Westminster Infant Care Center](#) (WICC) would like to invite the congregation to join the WICC Board, supporters, and WICC parents for cake and coffee in the Fellowship Hall after the church service on Sunday, September 29. We are having a number 45 Birthday Party and WANT YOU to help share the celebration. Without the support of Westminster and its congregation, this would not have been possible, so PLEASE JOIN US!



THE BEST YEAR EVER!

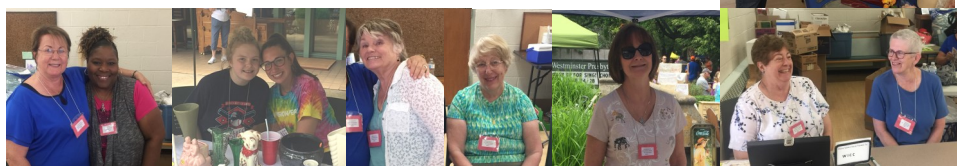
Valerie Sager

Carl Sandburg said, "Nothing happens unless first a dream." WICC dreamt of a Moss Avenue Day/WICC Sale with no rain, lots of volunteers, a huge turnout, and record sales.

On Saturday, June 8, WICC saw all of its dreams come true! The weather was beautiful with many shoppers. We had an excellent turn-out of volunteers to staff the sale and we made over \$7,000, our best sale ever!



Thanks to everyone involved this year, including all those generous friends for their selfless donations of time, money and items for the sale. Truly, team work makes the dream work! 🌸





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CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Mary Dill

The Circle of Friends will meet Tuesday, September 3, at 9 a.m. at the home of Mary Dill. Our theme will be Books, Books, and More Books. Please bring any books you'd like to share with others in the Circle, as well as books that you would like to donate for the WICC (Westminster Infant Care Center) Moss Avenue Day Sale. Please R.S.V.P.

Below is the 2019-2020 hostess schedule.

09/03/19 - Mary Dill	03/03/20 - Host Needed
10/01/19 - Joyce Hakes	04/07/20 - Alice Nash and Carol Borders
11/05/19 - Sally Fitch	05/05/20 - Peggy Bragg
12/03/19 - Le Peeps, Breakfast	06/02/20 - Jean Schlesinger
01/07/20 - No Meeting	
02/04/20 - Bonnie Jackson	

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY

Marilyn Luman

You are welcome to join us in the church parlor starting at 1:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday afternoons. The verses are printed in *The Window*, every month and Rev. Denise helps us understand the verses before they are read in church on Sunday.

In September we will meet on September 12 and 26 and we have plenty of chairs for everyone. If you have any questions or wish to be on a reminder list, call Marilyn Luman00. We need YOU! ☸

MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY

Peggy Bragg

Come one, come all. Everyone is invited to join us once a month as we study "Paul, Our Earliest Christian Author." We will meet in the chapel after the morning service every third Sunday for three months, beginning with September 15, October 20, and ending with November 17.

A light lunch will be served. Please sign up in the Narthex if you will be attending this study. For questions, see Peggy Bragg or contact the church office at 673-8501, opt. 5/ext. 1 ☸

MEN'S COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Come and join us for a good cup of joe and good conversation. We meet at Panera Bread, 2515 N. Westlake, on Wednesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. Invite a friend. It is always a good time and there is always room for more. ☸

MUSICAL NOTES

Tom Clark-Jones

Just a few reminders about musical activities at Westminster for the month of September.

♪ Choir rehearsals begin on September 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the Choir Room. The choir will sing in services on September 8.

♪ Jazz Vespers begin on the Second Sunday of September ... the 8th.

Mark your calendars now and come and join this beautiful service.

♪ The Iben Series brochures will be in your hand by September 15. We hope you will come and enjoy these various offerings.

♪ The next Iben concert will be an organ recital by Thomas Clark-Jones, October 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

♪ For those who might be interested in joining the Choir ... please talk to Tom Clark-Jones. We can get some music ready for you to join us. ☸

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED

After each Sunday 10 a.m. service, friends and members of the church meet in the Parlor to catch up with each other, and to enjoy some delicious coffee or tea and refreshments with friends.

We need someone to oversee this ministry or members to sign up and host a Sunday to keep this alive. If you would like to host a Sunday, please sign up in the Narthex, if you are interested in overseeing the Sunday Coffee Hour, please see Pastor Denise. Absolutely no experience is required.

Hosting coffee hour is a great way to give to the church without a large-time commitment. ☸

WITH GREAT JOY

David Luman & Abby (910 E. Main Street, Clinton, Illinois, 61727) welcomed **Maverick Dean Luman** (9 lbs. 7 oz. and 22 inches long) on Monday, August 5, joining his siblings Scarlet, Stella, and Mason. ☸

ADDRESS CHANGES

Margaret (Peggy) Carter has moved to the Lutheran Hillside Village. Her new address is: 6901 N. Galena Road Apt. 112, Peoria, IL 61614. She still has her same phone number 309-685-5460.

Dorothy Crozier has moved back to California to be with her son and the grandchildren. Her new address is 10905 Northslope Drive, Kelseyville, CA 95451. She still has her same mobile number 310-977-4904.

Douglas Luman & Jenni are moving to (374 Main St) Pittsburgh, PA. Douglas will be Assistant Professor of Computer Sciences at Allegheny College (Meadville, PA) starting mid-August.

Amy Streibich has moved to 737 East Glen Cove Street, Peoria Heights, IL 61616

Frank Streibich has moved to the Generations at Peoria, two houses down from his daughter, Amy, to 5600 North Glen Elm Drive, Peoria, IL 61614

If you have moved or have gotten a new phone or mobile number, call or email the office with your new information. ☸

HAPPY BIRTHDAY	
4	Bill Olson
10	Kim Hicks
16	Michael Kupper
18	Frank Streibich
19	Cindy Baker
19	Wanda Grimes
21	Luanne Shay
23	Bill Rafferty
30	Deann Baker
30	Dan Callahan
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY	
24	James & Jean Ashton
25	Monte & JoAnne Gibson



On September 1, Peace and Global Witness season begins. This offering “encourages the church of our time to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division, and embrace our reconciling God’s mission with those around the corner and around the world.” Your gift to Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world. **25% of the Offering stays with Westminster.** Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

On October 6, we will take up an offering for the Peace and Global Witness. You will find special offering envelopes in your pew. Please, take one home, pray about what kind of offering you should make and bring it with you to the 10 am service on Sunday, October 1 (World Communion Day) to put in the offering or feel free to fill out the offering slip below. ☸



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
CHILDREN AT RISK - YOUTH - YOUNG



☐ **YES!** I want to help more people experience the freedom and dignity that Christ wants for everyone. 25% of this Offering stays with our congregation to support peacemaking in our own city of Peoria. Enclosed you will find my donation in the amount of \$ _____

Clip and mail this form along with your contribution to:

*Westminster Church
Peace & Global Witness
1420 W. Moss Avenue
Peoria, Illinois 61606*

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Make checks payable to:
WPC or Westminster Church

Write on memo line:
Peace Offering

Thank you for your participation in the Peace and Global Witness Offering.

SEPTEMBER SERVANT SCHEDULE

	USHERS	GREETERS	SOUND	LITURGISTS	COFFEE HOUR
1 Sun AM	Bonnie Jackson, Alice Nash John Jackson, Kim Mitchell	Dick Helfrich	Alan Willadsen	Jim Burnham	Hosts Needed
COMMUNION SUNDAY <i>Bread - Jeff Case & Bonnie Jackson / Wine - Diane Case & Pastor Denise / Traveler - John Jackson</i> <i>Preparing the Elements - Jeff & Diane Case</i>					
8 Sun AM	Gary Dutro, Marjorie Willadsen Linda Kupper, Alan Kupper	Dick Helfrich	Art Schlesinger	Kim Mitchell	Hosts Needed
8 Sun Jazz	Dave & Jan Baker	Suellen Kirkwood	Tom Clark-Jones	Pastor Denise	N/A
15 Sun AM	Jeff Case, Laura Van Riper Diane Case, Susan Leighty	Dick Helfrich	Pat Flynn	Conrad Stinnett	Hosts Needed
22 Sun AM	Jan Leonard, Dan Callahan Gary Leonard, Janet Kelley	Dick Helfrich	John Grimes	Joyce Hakes	Hosts Needed
29 Sun AM	Dave Baker, Jan Baker Suellen Kirkwood	Dick Helfrich	John Grimes	Kent Nyblin	Hosts Needed


If you are unable to work on your scheduled date, please try to find your replacement or switch with someone, before contacting the Ministry Elder of the changes.

August 2019
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SEPTEMBER



October 2019
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20 21 22 23 24 25 26
27 28 29 30 31

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 COMMUNION <i>Season of Peace begins</i> 10a Worship 	2 LABOR DAY The Church Office and WestMark Food Pantry Closed in observance of Labor Day	3 9a Circle of Friends 11:20a Food Delivery	4 7:30a Men's Coffee Hr. 10a Staff Meeting	5	6	7
8 10a Worship 4p Jazz Vespers	9 9-11a WestMark Food Pantry Open	10 4:30p WICC Meeting 6:30p Session Meeting	11 7:30a Men's Coffee Hr. 10a Staff Meeting	12 1p Food Delivery	13 WINDOW DEADLINE	14
15 10a Worship 11:30 Bible Study <i>Paul, Our Earliest Christian Author</i>	16 9-11a WestMark Food Pantry Open	17 11:20a Food Delivery	18 7:30a Men's Coffee Hr. 10a Staff Meeting	19	20	21
22 10a Worship	23 9-11a WestMark Food Pantry Open	24 Committee on Ministry Meeting. Pastor will be out of the office today.	25 7:30a Men's Coffee Hr. 10a Staff Meeting	26 11a Food Delivery	27	28
29 10a Worship	30 9-11a WestMark Food Pantry Open					

WESTMINSTER SESSION

Clerk of Session	Jim Burnham Class of 2021
Christian Education	Peggy Bragg Class of 2021
Church Life	Vacant
Finance.....	Gary Leonard Class of 2019
Membership.....	Bonnie Jackson Class of 2019
Missions/Outreach	Jan Leonard Class of 2019
Personnel	Larry Hicks Class of 2019
Properties	John Jackson Class of 2021
Worship.....	Suellen Kirkwood Class of 2020

**SESSION MEETS ON THE
SECOND TUESDAY, MONTHLY,
6:30 PM, IN THE PARLOR!**

DEACONS

Moderator	Jeanie Olson Class of 2019
Anna Bussian.....	Class of 2020
Sue Burnham.....	Class of 2020
Kim Mitchell	Class of 2019
Alice Nash	Class of 2019
Edna Nugent	Class of 2019
Phyllis Rafferty	Class of 2020
Marge Willadsen.....	Class of 2020
Laura Van Riper	Class of 2021



SESSION NOTES

Jim Burnham, Clerk of Session



The Session did not meet in August.

COMMUNION SERVICE SEPTEMBER 1

Serving Communion are

Preparing the elements: Diane & Jeff Case

Bread: Jeff Case & Bonnie Jackson

Wine: Diane Case & Pastor Denise

Traveler: John Jackson



A Community Outreach of Westminster
Presbyterian & St. Mark Catholic Churches

WESTMARK FOOD PANTRY

Elizabeth Richmond

During the month of July we provided food to 1,500 individuals. The partnership we have with St. Mark's Church creates an amazing opportunity to help those that might otherwise be hungry. This makes for lots of work for our volunteers but it is great to help hungry, grateful folks.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Elizabeth Richmond

Come help unload deliveries;
every first and third Tuesday,
September 3 and 17, at 11:20 a.m.
Thursday, September 12, at 1:00 p.m. and
Thursday, September 26, at 11:00 a.m.

We also can use some help filling in for our regular volunteers on Monday morning. Questions? Contact Elizabeth Richmond (309-697-9720) or the Church office (309-673-8501 Opt. 5 / Ext. 1)

PAUL, OUR EARLIEST CHRISTIAN AUTHOR

Pastor Denise Clark-Jones

Why study Paul? The unprecedented rise of the Christian faith in the first century is largely attributed to Paul's evangelical mission to the Gentiles throughout the Roman Empire. While the four Gospels hold the primary position of importance in the New Testament, Paul's writings pre-date each of them. Of the 27 books of the bible, 13 are either written by Paul or by



other evangelists who attributed their writings to Paul. It is possible that these Deutero-Pauline letters used materials from some of Paul's letters that did not survive. In the book of Acts, written by the author of Luke, approximately half of the book deals with Paul. Through his letters, Paul authored the first systematic theology of the Christian faith.

So, who was this theologian, evangelist, preacher and church-starter? Paul was born in Tarsus, in the present country of Turkey, roughly around the time of Christ. He began his missionary work in 33 CE (for Common Era, formerly referred to as AD). Biblical scholars agree that the earliest possible date of the first gospel, Mark, is 65 CE. Of the Pharisaic sect of Judaism as well as a Roman citizen, Paul spoke both Hebrew and Greek, thus making him particularly effective as a missionary. Paul's encounter with the risen Christ gave him the exalted title of "Apostle." The dramatic confrontation, while Paul was traveling to Damascus to persecute followers of "The Way," has become part of common vocabulary describing a sudden transformative event as a "Damascene" or "Damascus Road experience."

The series of Adult Education classes on Paul, beginning September 15 following the worship service, will use as its core curriculum, lectures by Dr. Bart Erhman from the Great Courses library. Erhman is a renowned New Testament and Christian history scholar who has authored 30 books, including 6 New York Times bestsellers: *Misquoting Jesus*, *Jesus, Interrupted*, *God's Problem*, *Forged*, *How Jesus Became God*, and *The Triumph of Christianity*. He is the James A. Gray Distinguished Professor of Religious Studies at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. According to his Internet website, Erhman's work has been featured in Time Magazine, the New Yorker, the Washington Post and other print media. He has appeared on NBC's Dateline, The Daily Show with Jon Stewart, CNN, The History Channel, National Geographic, the Discovery Channel, the BBC, NPR shows and other major media outlets. I had the privilege of hearing him speak when I was a seminarian.

Each lecture is about 30 minutes. I will provide an introduction and lead the discussion after each video lecture. I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about Paul, second only to Jesus (who never intended to start a new religion), as the founder of the Christian religion.

Hope to see you there! 🌸

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Rev. Denise
Clark-Jones

JOIN US SUNDAYS

10 AM

Morning Worship

4 PM

Second Sunday Jazz Vespers

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Peace is DOING,
not WAITING

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Author & Speaker
MELISSA SPOELSTRA



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